(च) वनेतर प्रयोजनों हेतु अंतरित वन भूमियों के उपयोग का ब्यौरा निम्नलिखित है :—

वर्ष	उपयोग में लाई गई वन भूमि (है० में)
कृषि	1,04,367 है०
नदी घाटी परियोजना	1,14,520 है०
ट्रांसमिशन लाइन	9,545 है०
सड़कें	2,118 है०
खनन	9,616 है०
अन्य	52,335 है०

Reaction in the area of sarisk'a Tiger Reserve, Rajastlian

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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state: (a) whether it is a fact that Rajasthan Government have recently reduced the area of the Sariska Tiger Reserve and diverted the area for mining of marble stong inspite of opposition from the Central Government;

(b) if so: what are the details thereof;

(e) what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) what action the Central Government has taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) The Stale Government of Rajasthan has confirmtd that the area of Sariska Tiger Reserve is 866 Sq. Kms. and have not diverted any area of the Reserve for mining. (b) to (d) Do not arise.

percentage of land covered by Forests

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MENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what percentage of land is covered by forests in the country and its share in India's economy;

(b) whether the forest coverage is inadqequate as compared to international standards;

(e) above the forest laws are being eViforced strictly and what measures Government have taken to increase the forests coverage; and

(d) which State has the highest percentage of forest coverage and which the lowest; with reasons for low coverage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Recored forest area constitutes 23.4 percent of India's geographical area. However, as per the State of Forest Report 1991 19.44 per cent of the conn-try's geographical area is under actual forest cover.

Forestry constitutes about 1-8 per cent of the country'!* Net Do-mesting Product by Economic Acthrty. However, these activities do not take into account the value of unrecorded